



**Virginia State Police Administrative Review
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Citing an interest in transparency and providing a full account of the circumstances in the case, the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) special agents involved in the March 18 arrest of University of Virginia student Martese Johnson have waived any protections for their personnel files regarding this matter and have requested that the Virginia State Police (VSP) administrative review of the incident be released to the public.

Based on the exceptional nature of the release of this material, the Commonwealth of Virginia Office of the Attorney General has examined the report and redacted medical information in accordance with state and federal law. Witness names and information have also been redacted to protect their identities and avoid inhibiting witness participation in future cases of this nature. The willingness of numerous witnesses to discuss the events and provide valuable information was essential to preparing a complete report on this incident.

(The specific sections concerning the agents' waiver are: § 2.2-3705.1(1) under FOIA which discusses personnel records; DHRM Policy 6.05 enacted pursuant to Code §2.2-1201(A)(13) which prohibits agencies from releasing personnel info without consent of the employee; and § 32.1-127.1:03(A)(3) which concerns health records privacy and prohibiting its unauthorized release.)

The VSP administrative review in its redacted form can be accessed on Virginia ABC's website at <https://www.abc.virginia.gov/about/martese-johnson-media-statements>.